



Tuesday, February 17, 2015

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- The House will reconvene for its 17th Legislative Day on Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Five bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 172 Watercraft; operation while under the influence of alcohol, toxic vapors, or drugs; revise types of vessels

Bill Summary: House Bill 172 amends Code where "personal watercraft" is defined. New definitions are "homemade or inflatable raft", "personal watercraft", and "vessel". A homemade or inflatable raft is any platform which floats for giving buoyancy to a person and renders transportation with only the aid of the person's hands, arms, legs, or feet. Personal watercraft has the same meaning set forth in Code Section 52-7-8.2. A vessel is defined as every description of watercraft, other than a sailboard or homemade or inflatable raft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. These new definitions remove homemade or inflatable rafts from watercraft subject to boating under the influence provisions.

Authored By: Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-10-2015 Do Pass

Floor Vote: Yeas: 159 Nays: 0

Amendments:

Local Calendar

HB 294 Stockbridge, City of; levy an excise tax

Bill Summary: A Bill to authorize the City of Stockbridge to levy a hotel/motel tax.

Authored By: Rep. Dale Rutledge (109th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 02-12-2015 Do Pass

Floor Vote: Yeas: 154 Nays: 0

Amendments:

HB 300 DeKalb County State Court; establish traffic division of said court; provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, so as to establish the traffic division.

Authored By: Rep. Mary Oliver (82nd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 02-12-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Floor Vote: Yeas: 154 Nays: 0

Amendments:

HB 301 DeKalb County Magistrate Court; provide a solicitor; provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to repeal an Act creating and establishing the Recorder's Court of DeKalb County, to provide for the transfer of certain pending cases and court records.

Authored By: Rep. Mary Oliver (82nd)

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination -
Local

Floor Vote: Yeas: 154 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:

Committee 02-12-2015 Do Pass

Action:

Amendments:

HB 302 DeKalb County; Chief Magistrate and other judges; increase and establish salaries

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain county officers and officials of DeKalb County.

Authored By: Rep. Mary Oliver (82nd)

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination -
Local

Floor Vote: Yeas: 154 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:

Committee 02-12-2015 Do Pass

Action:

Amendments:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 17th Legislative Day, Wednesday, February 18, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Wednesday, February 18, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 18th Legislative Day.

HB 87 Retirement and pensions; Code Revision Commission; revise title

Bill Summary: HB 87 revises, modernizes, and corrects errors or omissions in Title 47, relating to retirement and pensions, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission.

Authored By: Rep. Wendell Willard (51st)
House Committee: Judiciary

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-10-2015 Do Pass

HB 90 Code Revision Commission; repeal portions of said Code, or Acts; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 90 revises, modernizes, and corrects errors or omissions in the Code and reenacts the statutory portion of the Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission. The bill repeals portions of the Code which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws.

Authored By: Rep. Wendell Willard (51st)
House Committee: Judiciary

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-10-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 104 State Properties Code; applicability of public bidding processes for certain conveyances; clarify

Bill Summary: House Bill 104 amends the State Properties Code by clarifying the applicability of public bidding processes for certain conveyances and correcting any cross-references.

Authored By: Rep. Emory Dunahoo (30th)
House Committee: State Properties

Rule Applied: Open
Committee Action: 02-11-2015 Do Pass

HB 119 AIDS; disclosure of such information under certain circumstances; change provisions

Bill Summary: HB 119 authorizes a probate judge to disclose AIDS confidential information to a peace officer regarding a mentally ill person who is in the peace officer's custody for an examination pursuant to O.C.G.A. §37-3-41.

Authored By: Rep. Albert Reeves (34th)
House Committee: Judiciary

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-10-2015 Do Pass

HB 162 Insurance; provide for insurance compliance self-evaluative privilege; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 162 allows insurance companies to self-evaluate for the purposes for compliance with Georgia statute. By self-policing, the state and the insurance companies are saved the cost of unnecessary regulatory oversight. The results of the audit from the self-evaluation are protected from public disclosure absent a court order.

Authored By: Rep. Jason Shaw (176th)
House Committee: Insurance

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-11-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Higher Education Committee

HB 320 Scholarships; provide public disclosure of certain records held by Georgia Student Finance Commission, Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation and Georgia Student Finance Authority is not required; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 320 restricts the data the Georgia Study Finance Authority, Georgia Student Finance Commission, and Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation can release for public disclosure.

Authored By:	Rep. Chuck Williams (119th)		
House Committee:	Higher Education	Committee Action:	02-17-2015 Do Pass

HR 304 Georgia's technical schools, colleges and universities; expand gerontology and dementia education and training; encourage

Bill Summary: House Resolution 304 encourages Georgia's technical schools, colleges, and universities to expand gerontology and dementia education and training to address the growing needs of an aging population.

Authored By:	Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd)		
House Committee:	Higher Education	Committee Action:	02-17-2015 Do Pass

Judiciary Committee

HB 115 Foreclosure Cure Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 115 gives a debtor the right to have enforcement of the power of sale on a property the debtor is currently using as a dwelling place discontinued at any time up to five calendar days before the sale of the property.

The debtor must pay to the creditor all sums due under the security instrument which would then be due under the security instrument if no acceleration had occurred no later than five calendar days before the sale of the property, cure any default of any other terms of the security instrument, and pay all fees and expenses specified as collectable under the security instrument as a result of the breach and acceleration. The creditor may select the form of payment (cash, money order, electronic transfer, or certified check).

Upon reinstatement, the creditor's interest in the property and rights under the security instrument, and the debtor's obligation to pay the sums secured by the security instrument, would remain fully effective as if no acceleration had occurred.

Authored By:	Rep. Billy Mitchell (88th)		
House Committee:	Judiciary	Committee Action:	02-17-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 298 Certified process servers; sunset and legislative review provisions; repeal

Bill Summary: HB 298 repeals the sunset provision for the certified private process servers program. The program is currently set to expire on July 1, 2015.

Authored By:	Rep. Mike Jacobs (80th)		
House Committee:	Judiciary	Committee Action:	02-17-2015 Do Pass

Regulated Industries Committee

HB 18 Professional engineers and land surveyors; defense, aviation, space or aerospace companies from complying with provisions; exempt

Bill Summary: HB 18 allows professional engineers or land surveyors in the defense, aviation, space, or aerospace company, to work without requiring licensing, if a license is not otherwise required. The proposed additions broaden employees this act applies to and removes license restrictions from similarly situated persons: properly certified architects, Department of Transportation employees that do no conflict with Title 46, and women. Also, engineers and land scape employees working in the specified industries would be expanded in two ways. First, the definition of company includes "any sole proprietorship" and "any affiliate" of the business entities described. Second, the bill includes individuals "who provide engineering for aircraft, space launch vehicles, or aerospace-related products or services."

Authored By:	Rep. Jason Spencer (180th)	Committee Action:	02-17-2015 Do Pass
House Committee:	Regulated Industries		

HB 85 Alcoholic beverages; sale or furnishing to patients or inmates of Central State Hospital and sale or possession near or upon the grounds; change certain provisions

Bill Summary: HB 85 regulates the furnishing of alcohol in certain areas including prisons and hospitals. This act prevents the solicitation of alcohol with any person in lawful confinement and not allowing possession within 200 yards of such designated institutions.

Authored By:	Rep. Brett Harrell (106th)	Committee Action:	02-17-2015 Do Pass
House Committee:	Regulated Industries		

HB 261 Alcoholic beverages; sale during certain times on Sunday in commercial service airports owned or operated by a municipal governing authority; provide

Bill Summary: HB 261 allows for sale of alcohol in commercial service airports which are operated by municipal governments only in the areas accessible by ticketed passengers who have passed security.

Authored By:	Rep. Brett Harrell (106th)	Committee Action:	02-17-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
House Committee:	Regulated Industries		

HB 340 Alcoholic beverages; sales on Sunday during Saint Patrick's Day holiday period; change certain provisions

Bill Summary: HB 340 allows for a more flexible time period for bars to sell over the Saint Patrick's Day holiday.

Authored By:	Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)	Committee Action:	02-17-2015 Do Pass
House Committee:	Regulated Industries		

Small Business Development Committee

HB 246 Accountants; provide for powers and actions granted to other licensing boards; provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend Chapter 3 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accountants, so as to provide for powers and actions granted to other licensing boards so that the State Board of Accountancy is administratively attached to the State Accounting Office.

Authored By: Rep. David Knight (130th)
House Committee: Small Business Development

Committee Action: 02-17-2015 Do Pass

Ways & Means Committee

HB 292 Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code; define terms; incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law

Bill Summary: HB 292 amends the Revenue Code, to incorporate changes which were made at the federal level. The legislation conforms the Revenue Code to seven items that were passed by Congress, all of which HB 292 would conform to with the exception of changes relating to Section 179. The changes to Section 179 enacted by HB 292 would allow for a deduction of up of \$250,000, rather than the \$500,000 enacted by Congress, the phase out of the Section 179 deduction would be effective at \$800,000.

Authored By: Rep. David Knight (130th)
House Committee: Ways & Means

Committee Action: 02-17-2015 Do Pass

Committee Meeting Schedule

This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.

To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 17) - HOUSE CHAMBER
8:00 AM	Environmental Quality Subcommittee of Natural Resources - 506 CLOB
8:30 AM	Public Finance and Policy Subcommittee of Ways & Means - 133 CAP
9:00 AM	RULES - 341 CAP
1:00 PM	JOINT EDUCATION- Hearing on AP History - 606 CLOB
1:00 PM	STATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - 403 CAP
1:00 PM	Tags & Titles Subcommittee Motor Vehicles - 515 CLOB
1:30 PM	JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL - 132 CAP
2:00 PM	Income Tax Subcommittee of Ways & Means - 133 CAP
2:00 PM	RETIREMENT - 515 CLOB
2:00 PM	Local Government Subcommittee of Governmental Affairs - 406 CLOB
2:00 PM	CODE REVISION - 415 CLOB
2:30 PM	GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - 406 CLOB
3:00 PM	EDUCATION - 606 CLOB
3:00 PM	TRANSPORTATION - 506 CLOB
3:00 PM	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - 406 CLOB
3:00 PM	Ad Valorem Tax Subcommittee of Ways & Means - 133 CAP
3:00 PM	Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee - 341 CAP
3:30 PM	Fleming Subcommittee of Judiciary Civil - 132 CAP